

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2 - SB 2

February 5, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that person commits aggravated assault, punishable as a Class E felony, if such person knowingly assaults a law enforcement officer, firefighter, correctional officer, probation and parole officer, state registered security officer/guard, employee of the Departments of Correction or Children's Services, or emergency medical or rescue workers by throwing or otherwise causing bodily fluids to make physical contact with the employee. Such assault under current law would be classified as a Class B or Class A misdemeanor.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$495,800/Incarceration\***

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- one hundred and seven (107) Class E felony convictions each year for assault upon specified public employees, based upon 86 reported incidents for state correctional officers last year with the remainder estimated for local law enforcement officers and other state and local government employees covered by the bill.
- a not significant decrease in local government expenditures and revenues for convictions of simple assault as previously provided by current law.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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